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DGP Dr. K. Ramachandra Rao case

IPS Vs IPS?

Is DGP's sleaze video linked to Rs. 9 crore corruption of another IPS Officer?

Mysuru, Jan. 21 (RK&BCT)- The sleaze videos of Dr. K. Ramachandra Rao, a 1993-batch IPS Officer who was serving as Director General of Police (DGP), Directorate of Civil Rights Enforcement (DCRE), in compromising positions with women inside his official chamber and while in uniform have gone viral.

Meanwhile, Dr. Rao has denied the allegations, claiming that the videos are "fabricated" and "morphed" using Artificial Intelligence (AI). Following public outrage over the videos, the State Government has placed Rao under suspension and ordered a detailed inquiry.

While investigations are underway into the authenticity of the videos and the conduct of the senior Officer, reliable sources said, the footage was leaked due to rivalry between Dr. Rao and another senior high-ranking IPS Officer, who were close friends once upon a time.

Friendship turned sour

Even as debate continues over who leaked the videos — causing embarrassment to both Rao and the State Government — sources within the Police Department told *Star of Mysore* that Dr. Rao was allegedly preparing a dossier against the other senior IPS Officer and his once close friend, pertaining to misappropriation of Rs. 9 crore in departmental funds sanctioned for Police Welfare.

As one source put it, "It is a case of a corrupt Officer taking advantage of sexual deviance of another Officer to fix him and save his own skin."

According to sources, Dr. Rao had gathered documents, bills and records relating to the alleged misappropriation and was preparing to submit them to the Home Department, including the Home Secretary.

Dr. K. Ramachandra Rao, IPS

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> "As the investigation into the leaked videos continues, it is to be seen whether the State Government will investigate the Rs. 9 crore corruption case and expose the link between the two. The outcome of these two investigations could lead to the suspension and dismissal of both these IPS Officers."

Eight-year-old videos

To block this submission of evidence by Dr. Rao, the other Officer allegedly involved in financial irregularities, is said to have leaked the eight-year-old videos.

Sources further said that the videos and audio clips, compiled into a series, were around eight years old and were recorded during Dr. Rao's tenure as Inspector General of Police (IGP) in Belagavi.

During that period, Dr. Rao allegedly had strained relations with his staff. Sources said he frequently reprimanded personnel in public, including in the presence of junior Officers, causing embarrassment.

He was also accused of delaying the clearance of files related to employees seeking financial assistance, leading to resentment among staff who then knowing his weakness for women and exploiting them decided to secretly record his behaviour and blackmail him to treat them better.

Clandestine recording

Sources alleged that Dr. Rao frequently received women visitors at his office. On one such occasion, a staff member reportedly entered his chamber to obtain an urgent signature and allegedly found Dr. Rao in a compromising position.

Shocked at Dr. Rao's lack of decency and fear when it came to allegedly using his chamber for sexual acts, the staff hatched a plan.

The sources told *Star of Mysore* that a group of staff members then conspired to record activities inside his chamber by placing a micro camera at a strategic angle inside Dr. Rao's office chamber.

After recording a few videos the staff members allegedly saved the clips. Meanwhile, Dr. Rao's friend — the senior IPS Officer who is accused of misappropriating Rs. 9 crore — reportedly came to know about the recordings and contacted a particular staff member who had the video recording.

According to the source, this Officer then convinced the staff member not to release the video and told him Dr. Rao would treat the staff better henceforth. He then took possession of the videos.

According to sources, the same IPS Officer who had obtained this video eight years ago has leaked it now because Dr. Rao was set to expose his involvement in a corruption case.

By leaking the videos, the senior IPS Officer knew that the Government would suspend Dr. Rao and he could either delay the investigation, derail it or at least extract his revenge.

As the investigation into the leaked videos continues, it is to be seen whether the State Government will investigate the Rs. 9 crore corruption case and expose the link between the two.

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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Wednesday 21st January 2026

Columnist Gouri Satya's book release in city on Jan. 24

Mysuru, Jan. 21- Mysuru Book Clubs Charitable Trust and Kannada Odugara Okkuta, Mysuru, have jointly organised a programme on Jan. 24 at 11 am at Rotary auditorium on JLB Road in city for the release of 'Mysurina Asamanyaru,' authored by senior journalist and columnist Gouri Satya.

Gouri Satya

The book, a collection of 50 serial articles published in *Mysuru Mithra* (sister publication of *Star of Mysore)* last year, is published by K.V. Srinivas of Mahima Prakashana, Mysuru.

JSS Mahavidyapeetha Executive Secretary Dr. C.G. Betsurmath will release the book.

Mysuru Book Clubs Charitable Trust Founder-President Shubha Sanjay Urs will receive the first copy of the book.

Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) Professor and Gamaki Dr. Jyothi Shankar will speak about the book.

No power supply tomorrow

Mysuru, Jan. 21- As Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) has taken up underground cable laying works at V.V. Mohalla Sub-Division, there will be disruption in power supply tomorrow (Jan.22) between 10 am and 6 pm in the following areas:

V.V. Mohalla 2nd and 3rd Main Roads, DRM Hospital, Valmiki Main Road and surrounding areas, Gokulam 3rd Stage, 8th Cross, Contour Road and surrounding areas.

Also, in view of CESC changing electric cables at Old Kesare Feeder (coming under Rajivnagar Power Distribution Centre), there will be disruption in power supply tomorrow (Jan. 22) between 10 am and 6 pm in the following areas:

Old Kesare villages, Aishwarya Layout, Nisarga Daba, V.B. Bakery Road, Vittala Layout, Raghavendra Mutt, near Varuna Canal and surrounding areas, according to a press release from CESC Executive Engineers of V.V. Mohalla and N.R. Mohalla Divisions.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Bare neces sit ies of life: ***What are the bare necessities of life? Many of us list luxuries as necessities, because we are so accustomed to enjoying such luxuries. But the basic necessities of food, water, clothing and shelter are enough and anything more is unnecessary, points out Srimad Bhagavatam. And even with regard to these, the purana advocates the barest minimum as enough for survival, said Valayapet Ramachariar in a discourse.***

Suka advises Pareekshit on how a person desirous of moksha should live. Does a person need a cot and a mattress to sleep on? Can he not lie on the ground? As for shelter, have trees stopped sheltering people? Are caves no longer available? Can we not just take some river water in our hand and drink from the palm of the hand? Do we need vessels to hold water? When Nature gives us so much and charges us nothing for them, what is the need to flatter the rich and powerful? Should we indulge in such *nara stuthi?* ***Once we realise the insignificance of our possessions, we must turn our attention to Lord Narayana, the Supreme One and meditate on Him.***

Vedanta Desika's *Vairagya Panchakam* ***expresses the same ideas. Desika says it is a sad state of affairs, when even*** *jnanis* ***praise the wealthy for the material benefits that such flattery will get them.***

Desika asks if one cannot use grains that lie scattered on the road and wear torn clothes? Even if *Jaadaraagni,* ***the fire in the belly, were to burn fiercely, he will not seek help from a king, says Desika. He says that he has the indestructible treasure called Narayana and that there is no need for him to seek riches.*** *— In The Hindu*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Water fountain slammed as world's ugliest

Vienna: A new water fountain in the Austrian city of Vienna has been described as the ugliest in Europe, despite costing 1.8 million euros ($2 million).

Created by the avantgarde Viennese art group Gelitin, the Austrian capital's newest water fountain was commissioned by local authorities to commemorate 150 years of Vienna's modern water system which provided the city with fresh water from streams in the green forests of the Alps and helped eradicate plagues like cholera.

The new landmark's design apparently symbolizes the "communal responsibility for water" and while it did win over the jury that selected Gelitin as the winner, it hasn't done so well with the general public, especially considering its astronomical price, $2 million.

The thinnest observation tower

Brighton: The English seaside city of Brighton is home to the world's thinnest observation tower, a structure only 3.9 meters in diameter, with a height-to-width ratio of over 40:1.

Conceived and designed by Marks Barfield Architects, the same firm behind the famous London Eye wheel, the i360 coastal observation tower in Brighton, UK looks like a giant needle pointing at the sky. It's not the only observational tower in the world, but it is the thinnest one ever made.

It has a diameter of only 3.9 mts, or 12.8 ft, at its widest point and stands 162 mts tall. Although it is often described simply as a vertical cable car because of the technology it uses to drive a tourist-filled pod up and down, the i360 is actually an engineering marvel.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Precision in Managing Bile Duct Problems

Successful outcomes depend on identifying the exact cause and level of bile duct obstruction before planning definitive treatment.

By Dr. Vasudev Pai H - Senior Consultant – Surgical Gastroenterology and HPB Surgery, Manipal Hospitals, Mysuru

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Aniketana Award presented

Basaveshwara Samskrutika Pratishtana presented 'Aniketana' award to Kannada activist Muguru Nanjundaswamy, Chutuku Sahitya Parishat District President Rathna Halappagowda and retired Principal Vijayadas at Patrakarthara Bhavana in city recently. They are seen with District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Maddikere Gopal, Chutuku Poet Dr. M.G.R. Urs, Social Worker K. Raghuram Vajpayee, District Gold and Silver Jewellery Workers Co-operative Society President T. Suresh, Pratishtana Founder-President Basavarajendraswamy and others.

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Yesterday's level **122.10 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,275.36 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,829.62 feet**
Today's Inflow **607 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **316 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **274 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **3,487 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **500 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **200 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- ***Birds don't have teeth which means they have to swallow food whole. They have an organ called a gizzard which grinds up their food. This then helps them to digest it properly.***
- ***Teeny, tiny hummingbirds can fly forward and up and down; can also fly backward and hover in place, the only bird with this capability.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Traffic Cop: *Your licence says you should be wearing glasses. Why aren't you wearing them?*
Motorist: *I have contacts.*
Cop: *I don't care who you know. I'm giving you a ticket!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= **Rs. 91.32**
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VOICE OF THE READER

Are we citizens really civilised?

A pathetic scene at Naidu Nagar in Mysuru.

Sir,

During my recent visit to Mysuru, my hometown, I witnessed uncivilised behaviour from the so-called civilised people who live in our vicinity and are highly literate, by throwing garbage bags in the corner of a road where the wall is beautifully painted with the words: "To maintain cleanliness and not to throw garbage."

I waited for hours one fine morning to find out, "who does it" — maybe kids or teenagers throwing it, ignoring signboards — but to my wonder, people in their 40s to 60s arrived at the spot in cars and scooters to dump these garbage bags and disappear regularly.

How to enforce cleanliness? How to educate the most educated people? How to civilise the civilised people?

There is a daily door-to-door garbage collection system in place by Mysuru City Corporation (MCC), and yes, some days they miss due to the breakdown of a vehicle or other reasons.

We, concerned citizens, need to curb such a menace by enforcing fines before we turn our beautiful city into a garbage city with heaps of garbage in every corner. I hope our MCC Commissioner will address the issue and create a helpline to report such complaints for its citizens who will help them to keep the city clean. Also, such toll-free numbers should be displayed in several spots to report such violations.

—Syed Matheen Ahmed
UAE
29.12.2025

Lok Adalat on Mar. 14

Mysuru, Jan. 21- Based on the direction of Karnataka Legal Services Authority, a National Lok Adalat will be held at all Law Courts in the city and district on Mar. 14. This will be the first Lok Adalat in the New Year 2026.

Lok Adalat is one of the alternative dispute redressal mechanisms and is meant for conciliated settlement of disputes outside Courts.

Lok Adalats handle a wide range of cases, including pending Court cases and pre-litigation disputes, civil matters (money recovery, rent, matrimonial, land disputes, contract issues), property requisition, compoundable criminal cases, motor accident claims, labour disputes, Consumer Disputes and Public Utility Bill issues (electricity, water etc.).

The litigants, whose cases are pending in Law Courts, may call the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA - in respect of Mysuru City only) National Helpline Toll Free No: 15100.

EPFO's District Outreach Programme on Jan. 27

Mysuru, Jan. 21- The District Outreach Programme under Nidhi Aapke Nikat 2.0 will be conducted by the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO), Regional Office, Mysuru, on Jan. 27 from 9 am onwards at all four districts under the jurisdiction of EPFO, Mysuru — Mysuru, Mandya, Madikeri and Chamarajanagar.

In Mysuru, at HUDA Public School campus, Ring Road, Shivarathreeshwara Nagar, Bannimantap; In Mandya, at Sri Madhava Vidyalaya, Marilingana Doddi, Keragodu hobli; In Chamarajanagar, at Lotus English Medium School on Yelandur Main Road, Santhemarahalli; In Kodagu, at IBNII Resort, Ibnivalavadi village, Boikeri, Madikeri.

Stakeholders like PF Members, Pensioners and Employers may attend the programme.

For more details, contact PRO on Ph: 0821-2599200/ 222 or e-mail: *ro.mysore@epfindia.gov.in* or visit Social Media Platform *(@epfomysore)*.

Graduation of Montessori Teachers

The 17th Graduation Day of St. Maria Montessori Teachers' Training Institute at Kanakadasanagar was held at Ganabharathi auditorium in city recently. Chief Physician at Sriranga Ayurveda Chikitsa Mandira Dr. T.S. Prasanna Venkatesh was the chief guest. TV artiste L. Narasu Ramachandra presided. Course Director Roopa Chengappa and Gonikoppa Centre Head Kirthi Poonacha were present.

Prof. Lingaraja Gandhi to receive Thailand-India International Award

Mysuru, Jan. 21 (BCT)- Prof. Lingaraja Gandhi, former Vice-Chancellor of Bengaluru City University, has been selected for the Thailand-India International Iconic Awards-2026 in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the field of education.

The prestigious awards ceremony jointly organised by *Asianet Suvarna News* and *Kannada Prabha* newspaper will be held today (Jan. 21) at The Berkeley Hotel, Pratunam, Bangkok.

Prof. Gandhi, widely respected for his academic leadership and contributions to higher education in Karnataka, will be honoured among achievers from the State for the year 2026. The organisers highlighted his significant role in strengthening Bengaluru City University and expanding educational opportunities.

Prof. Lingaraja Gandhi

With over 41 years of experience in University-level teaching, research and academic administration, Prof. Lingaraja Gandhi is a Professor in the Department of English, University of Mysore.

He was invited by the University of Wolverhampton, UK, to share his expertise as a Visiting Research Scholar in the project 'Sustainable Smart Cities Coping with Crisis: Lessons from a Global Pandemic'. He visited the University of Wolverhampton twice — from July 17 to 21, 2023, and March 25 to 29, 2024 — and contributed to the research project.

As part of this initiative, Prof. Gandhi co-authored a research article titled 'The Role of Smart Cities in Managing the COVID-19 Outbreak in India'.

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Candidates with higher qualification, experience, competency in the subject and fluency in English will be given preference. Application with bio-data, recent passport size photograph and self-attested copies of the relevant certificates may be sent to the Hon. Secretary, CFTRI Education Society, CFTRI School, CFTRI Campus, Opp. to Cheluvamba Park, Yadavagiri, Mysuru-570 020 within ten days from the date of advertisement.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Rangoli contest and Deepotsava

Marking the second anniversary of Ram Mandir construction at Ayodhya, the Mysuru Hanumantotsava Samiti has organised a Rangoli contest at 4 pm tomorrow (Jan. 22) followed by Deepotsava at 6 pm and distribution of prasada in front of Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple at the Palace North Gate. For details, contact Mob: 95918-82506.

KDA Chairman to tour district

Dr. Purushotham Bilimale

Kannada Development Authority (KDA) Chairman Dr. Purushotham Bilimale will be touring Mysuru district on Jan. 23. Bilimale, who will arrive in city from Bengaluru at 3.30 pm, will take part in the inaugural ceremony of Uttarayana Art and Culture Festival at JCAC premises in Vijayanagar at 4 pm.

Calling Co-operative Bank members

The Mysore Merchants Co-operative Bank, Jaganmohan Palace Road in city, has asked the Bank's permanent members to register or renew for Yeshasvini Health Scheme by Mar. 31. The registration fee for a 4-member group is Rs. 1,000 and Rs. 200 for every additional member. However, there is no fee for members belonging to SC/ST category. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2522759 or 2421077, according to a press release.

Coaching workshop

Netaji Education Foundation, having office on Krishna Vilas Road, opposite Avila Convent, near Jaganmohan Palace, Devaraja Mohalla, is conducting a one-day free coaching workshop for the written exam for teacher recruitment (HSTR/GPSTR) at 5.30 pm this evening (Jan. 21). For details, contact Mob: 63641-16745 or 94807-09611.

Ph.D awardee

Grace Leena Crasta has been awarded Ph.D in Botany by the University of Mysore (UoM), Mysuru, for her thesis 'Diversity of Endophytic Fungi Associated with Coleus Forskohlii (Willd.) Briq. and Evaluation of their Anti-Microbial Potential' submitted under the guidance of Dr. K.A. Raveesha.

Flyover at Kempegowda Circle

NHAI issues work order; construction to begin soon

Kempegowda Circle, also known as the Manipal Hospital Junction.

Mysuru, Jan. 21 (BLU&BCT)- The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) yesterday officially issued a work order for the construction of a grade separator (flyover) at Kempegowda Circle, also known as the Manipal Hospital Junction, at the entry and exit point of the Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway.

The contract has been awarded to Dhariwal Buildtech Limited, paving the way for the long-pending project to finally move forward.

With the work order in place, construction of the flyover has been confirmed and the contractor has completed preliminary preparations and is expected to commence work shortly.

Confirming the development, Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar said that a long-cherished dream of Mysuru citizens is finally becoming a reality.

He stated that repeated public demand for a flyover at the Manipal Hospital Junction prompted him to hold several meetings with NHAI officials and press for early implementation. These efforts have now borne fruit, with NHAI Chief Secretary Umashankar formally issuing the order to commence work.

The proposed flyover is expected to significantly reduce accidents, cut travel time between Bengaluru and Mysuru, ease traffic congestion and provide smoother entry and exit points to the city. Officials were convinced of these benefits, leading to the sanction of the project.

The Manipal Hospital Junction has long been a major traffic bottleneck, with vehicles from four directions — Bengaluru via the Highway, Mysuru city roads, Hunsur Road, Bannur and T. Narasipur — converging at the spot, resulting in daily congestion.

Despite the installation of traffic signals, the volume of vehicles remained unmanageable, causing severe inconvenience to commuters.

Although a cloverleaf interchange had been proposed earlier, the plan was shelved due to escalating costs. With the issuance of the work order now, construction of the flyover is finally set to begin, offering long-awaited relief from chronic traffic congestion at this busy junction.

Former MP stops installation of advertisement hoarding

Mysuru, Jan. 21 (BS)- Former Mysuru-Kodagu MP Prathap Simha and his supporters have stopped the works on installing a huge advertisement board near Kalamandira on Vinobha Road (Hunsur Road) in the city yesterday.

Prathap Simha, who took note of the supporting poles being installed to put up an advertisement board belonging to a private party, which he found it unsuitable at a prominent junction located on a busy road in the heart of the city, brought it to the notice of Deputy Commissioner G. Lakshmikanth Reddy.

The DC subsequently instructed Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Commissioner, following which the metal poles and other supporting structures.

President of BJP Chamaraja Constituency Dinesh Gowda, leaders Mahesh, Suresh, Ashok and Karthik were present on the occasion.

Land acquired at Immavu for Film City

'KIADB must pay relief to real farmers within a week'

Mysuru, Jan. 21 (MK&BS)- Hoskote Basavaraju, Divisional Organising Secretary of Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha (KRRS), has warned of staging indefinite stir in front of Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board (KIADB) office in Metagalli in city, if they fail to pay compensation to the genuine farmers, whose 589 acres of lands were acquired for the proposed Film City and other industrial purposes at Immavu in Nanjangud taluk of the district, within a week.

Addressing media persons at Pathrakarthara Bhavana in city yesterday, Basavaraju said, following the acquisition of lands, KIADB had released about Rs. 18 crore to pay compensation to the land losers. However, the unrelated farmers from outside the taluk were paid compensation, thus ignoring the genuine farmers. Following several protests staged over the same issue, KIADB deputed some officers to allocate compensation amount, but nothing has fructified so far.

Similarly, lands have been acquired for building a Golf Club at Kochanahalli in Mysuru taluk, but compensation paid is not on par with rules, alleged Basavaraju.

He (Basavaraju) also demanded the shifting of NIMHANS like hospital project from Gudamadanahalli in Varuna Hobli in Mysuru taluk to elsewhere, as the 20-acre land identified for the project is a water-logged area, making it unfit for taking up any construction works. If the authorities concerned go ahead with their plans, those who were cultivating the land should not be evicted. They should be either paid adequate compensation or one person in the family should be given job, he added.

Activists Ugra Narasimhegowda, P. Marankaiah, Premraj, Kochanahalli Mahadev, Shivanna Nayak, Srikanta and Mahesh were present.

Nitin Nabin takes charge as BJP National President

Prime Minister Narendra Modi seen greeting newly-elected BJP National President Nitin Nabin at New Delhi yesterday as** (from left) **BJP National General Secretary B.L. Santosh, Union Health Minister J.P. Nadda, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Union Home Minister Amit Shah look on.

New Delhi, Jan. 21 (Agencies)- Nitin Nabin formally assumed charge as the National President of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) yesterday. The 45-year-old leader succeeded J.P. Nadda, who is currently serving as a Union Minister.

The change of guard took place at the BJP Head Quarters in Delhi in the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari and other senior party leaders.

Nabin's elevation comes over a month after he was appointed Working President of the BJP. At the time, he was serving as Minister for Road Construction and Urban Development in the Nitish Kumar-led Bihar Government, a post he later resigned from.

Meanwhile, Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has provided Nabin with Z-category security. The security cover comprises Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) commandos and was granted a few days ago based on a threat perception assessment submitted by the Intelligence Bureau (IB).

Son of late BJP leader and former MLA Nabin Kishore Prasad Sinha, Nitin Nabin has carved a niche for himself as an undefeated five-time MLA from the Bankipur Assembly Constituency in Bihar. He built a reputation for securing emphatic electoral victories, beginning with the 2006 bypoll, which he won by a margin of nearly 60,000 votes. In his Assembly poll victory last year, he retained the seat with a margin of over 51,000 votes.

His organisational acumen and consistent electoral success drew the attention of BJP's Central leadership, particularly during his tenure as party's co-in charge of November 2023 Chhattisgarh Assembly polls, in which the BJP registered a landmark victory by defeating the Congress Government led by Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel.

2028 Assembly Polls

JD(S) may field Mahesh from Chamundeshwari Constituency

Mysuru, Jan.21 (BLU&DM)- With its sitting MLA G.T. Devegowda (GTD), who is also a senior party leader, steadily moving away from the party for the past several months, the JD(S) seems to be keen on fielding former Minister S.R. Mahesh as JD(S) candidate from Chamundeshwari Constituency in the 2028 Assembly polls.

S.R. Mahesh

Talks were held in this regard during a meeting between JD(S) Supremo and former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda and party leaders from old Mysuru region at former PM's Padmanabhanagar residence in Bengaluru recently.

The JD(S) is said to be upset over the moves of its sitting MLA GTD, who seems to be getting closer to the ruling Congress as could be seen by his participation in various programmes attended by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and other top Congress leaders.

GTD, who was elected on a JD(S) ticket from Chamundeshwari in 2023 Assembly polls, has maintained a distance from the party for over a year and has not been attending any of the party meetings.

The JD(S) meeting on Sunday last is said to have keenly discussed fielding Mahesh, who represented K.R. Nagar Assembly for three successive terms since 2008, from Chamundeshwari Constituency in the next Assembly polls.

Nikhil from Chamaraja?

The JD(S) top brass is also mulling on fielding the JD(S) Youth Wing State President Nikhil Kumaraswamy from Chamaraja Assembly segment in Mysuru. With too many candidates vying for BJP ticket from Chamaraja, the JD(S) seems to play its ball in the Assembly segment by floating the name of Nikhil, son of Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy and grandson of JD(S) Supremo H.D. Deve Gowda.

Nikhil

Reacting to speculations, S.R. Mahesh said he is not intent on contesting from Chamundeshwari but JD(S) leaders and workers were exerting pressure on him to contest from the Constituency. In any case, he would contest from Chamundeshwari if the party asks him, he said.

Mysuru BJP workers celebrate

Mysuru, Jan. 21 (BCT)- Following the appointment of Nitin Nabin as the new National President of the BJP, celebrations were held at party office in city.

Speaking on the occasion, former MLA and City BJP President L. Nagendra highlighted that Nabin has assumed leadership as the youngest-ever National President of the BJP, a party with the largest membership base in the country. As part of the celebrations, sweets were distributed among party workers.

Several leaders and office-bearers were present, including BJP Rural President Kumbrahalli Subbanna, State Vice-President M. Rajendra, N.V. Phaneesh, M.G. Mahesh, Shivakumar, Somasundar, A. Shivakumar, Rudramurthy, B.M. Raghu, M. Chikkavenkata, ST Morcha President Paduvarahalli M. Ramakrishna, General Secretary Krishnanaik, Yuva Morcha President Rakesh Gowda, Sachin Gowda, SC Morcha President V. Shailendra, General Secretary Karthik Mariyappa, K. Girish, Mai Pu Rajesh, Gokul Govardhan, Arun Kumar Gowda, Mariswamy Naik, Tyagaraj, S. Mahesh Kumar, Hanchya Ravi, Rakesh Bhatt, Smart Manju, Ramegowda, Dasapakash, Mahesh, Shivu, Raghavendra, Prathap, Hedathale Siddaraju, and many other office-bearers and prominent leaders.

Prathap Simha greets Nitin Nabin

Former Mysuru-Kodagu MP Prathap Simha seen greeting newly-elected BJP National President Nitin Nabin at BJP National Head Quarters in New Delhi recently.

GTD remembers JD(S) only during polls: MLC Manjegowda

Mysuru, Jan. 21 (MK&DM)- "Chamundeshwari JD(S) MLA G.T. Devegowda (GTD), who says that he is still with the JD(S) and would contest the next Assembly election on a JD(S) ticket, is actually involved in anti-party activities in his current tenure," alleged JD(S) MLC C.N. Manjegowda.

Manjegowda

Addressing a press meet at Pathrakarthara Bhavan in city yesterday, he said GTD's statement that he has never engaged in anti-party activities nor has he embarrassed the party leaders, is ridiculous.

Maintaining that the MLA has been issuing anti-party statements in public forums, he said that GTD won from Chamundeshwari riding high on the party's charisma and the efforts of the party leaders.

"But after winning the polls, GTD seems to have totally forgotten this and has carried out a tirade against the JD(S) and its leaders. He also campaigned against the party's candidate in the Legislative Council polls from South Graduates Constituency. GTD, during Dasara inauguration event atop Chamundi Hill, had openly come in support of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah when the Opposition had sought the resignation of the CM," he said while citing many other instances where GTD had embarrassed the party and the party workers by siding with Congress.

Stating that he and other party leaders have urged the JD(S) Supremo to declare former Minister S.R. Mahesh as the party candidate from Chamundeshwari, the MLC said 70 percent of the party workers in the Constituency were supportive of Mahesh. Even local leader Mavinahalli Siddegowda has assured of returning to JD(S) if Mahesh was made the party candidate, he added.

Twin protests against ongoing PRASHAD works atop Chamundi Hill

Activists from Parisarakkagi Naavu and Mysore Grahakara Parishat staging protest near Mahishasura Statue atop Chamundi Hill this morning against the PRASHAD works atop the Hill.

Another group of environmental activists led by Dr. Sushrutha Gowda and representatives of Kannada organisations protesting near the worksite atop Chamundi Hill this morning.

Mysuru, Jan. 21 (MTY&BCT)- Two separate protests were held atop Chamundi Hill this morning against the development works being carried out under the Centre's Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD), implemented by the Karnataka Tourism Department and Sri Chamundeshwari Temple Development Authority.

One protest was staged near Mahishasura Statue and led by Parisarakkagi Naavu, Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP) and other environmental groups.

The second protest took place at the site, where excavation work is underway and was led by Dr. Sushrutha Gowda, representatives of Kannada organisations and general public.

More than 100 activists assembled on the Hill and alleged that despite repeated protests by residents and social activists demanding a halt to PRASHAD project works, construction activities have continued under tight Police security.

Barricades have been erected around the work site and additional Police personnel have been deployed to prevent any disruption. Protesters claimed that earthmovers have already levelled nearly one foot of the road as preparatory work.

Four to five landslides

The protesters alleged that the ongoing works have affected the sanctity of the Temple and that a revered Dharmic destination is being converted into a commercial space, without due regard for public sentiment or environmental concerns.

"Excesses have been committed for many years on Mysuru's jewel and nature has repeatedly warned against these actions through four to five landslides. The Government lacks the capacity to even repair landslide damage, yet continues such excesses in the name of devotee convenience," the protesters alleged.

They further said that the soil atop Hill has become unstable and that structures could eventually collapse, as the works were initiated without adequate ground studies, soil testing or assessment of vulnerable rock formations and slope stability.

Activists from MGP and Parisarakkagi Naavu, including Prashuram Gowda, Bhamy V. Shenoy, Hema Nandeesh, Banu Prashanth, Leela Shivakumar, Leela Venkatesh, Shobha, Suguna, S. Shylajesha, Smitha and others participated.

CM to begin Budget preparations after Special Session

Siddaramaiah

Bengaluru, Jan. 21- Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, who also holds the Finance Portfolio, will begin the State Budget preparations after the Special Session of the State Legislature (Jan. 22 to 31).

Speaking to presspersons here yesterday, Siddaramaiah said the Special Session has been called to discuss the Centre's decision to scrap MNREGA and replace it with VB G RAM G Scheme, which he said was a wrong move.

Maintaining that the Centre's decision will rob the rural population of jobs and earnings, he reiterated that he will begin his pre-budget consultation with all stakeholders after Jan.31, when the session concludes.

Replying to a question on whether he has plans to visit New Delhi shortly amidst the ongoing power tussle, CM Siddaramaiah said he would go to Delhi only if the Congress High Command asks him.

'Parisarakkagi Naavu' group submits memorandum to DC

Mysuru, Jan. 21 (BCT)- Mysuru's environmental organisation 'Parisarakkagi Naavu' has submitted a memorandum to the Mysuru Deputy Commissioner (DC) urging the immediate suspension of ongoing works under the Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) atop Chamundi Hill.

The group argued that Chamundi Hill is a protected forest zone and nearly Rs. 45 crore is being spent on new buildings and concrete structures without conducting an Environmental Impact Assessment.

They pointed out that over the past 25 years, numerous houses and buildings have already been constructed on the fragile Hill and experts have repeatedly warned that exceeding its carrying capacity could trigger landslides.

The organisation stressed that a scientific evaluation of Chamundi Hill's load-bearing capacity is urgently required.

According to Mysuru's Master Plan, Chamundi Hill is classified as a heritage site, and any construction in the area requires approval from the District Heritage Committee, which has not been obtained.

The group also noted that shops and facilities already built for devotees remain underutilised, resulting in wastage of public funds. They criticised the unilateral implementation of projects without consultation with Mysuru's citizens or environmental activists and demanded that such practices be stopped.

The memorandum urged the district administration to treat the matter with seriousness and take immediate steps to halt the works.

KSCA open selection trials for U-23 women's team

Mysuru, Jan. 21 (VNS)- The Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA) will be holding an Open Selection Trials on Jan. 25 from 9 am onwards at KSCA-B Ground at Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru to pick three/four teams to participate in the selection matches (U-23 Women One Day) during second or third week of February 2026.

Girls interested in participating in the selection trials are requested to inform their respective Zonal Convenor or Zonal Office in regard to their participation in the trials and report at 8 am on the said date and venue in cricketing attire with a photocopy of their birth certificate.

Eligibility criteria

Girls who are born on or after 1.9.2002 and born before 31.8.2009 are only eligible for the selection trials.

Girls below the age of 16 years will not be permitted to attend the selection trials, according to KSCA Mysuru Zone Convenor P. Srinivas Prasad.

WOMEN'S PREMIER LEAGUE

TOMORROW'S MATCH (JAN. 22)

GUJARAT GIANTS vs UP WARRIORZ

GG Vs UPW

Venue : BCA Stadium, Vadodara

Time : 7.30 pm

YESTERDAY'S RESULT

MI 154/5 (20 overs)
LOST TO
DC 155/3 (19 overs)

Live action on: JioHotstar & Star Sports Network

Clear e-Khata issue: ABGP to DC

Mysuru, Jan. 21 (BS)- **Akhil Bharatiya Grahak Panchayat (ABGP), Mysuru Unit,** has submitted a memorandum to the District Administration at Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Office in the city, to clear the hassles related to e-Khata.

Vikram Iyengar, Vice-President of ABGP, Mysuru Unit, who submitted the memorandum to DC said, the property owners are still finding it difficult to obtain e-Khata in the City Corporation limits. Unexplainable is the plight of those settled in foreign countries, who return to their natives to fulfil the procedures to obtain e-Khata, only to return home empty handed.

Though the issue was raised by Revenue Minister during the Assembly session, the issue remains unresolved. Any technical snags should be addressed at the earliest. It is unfair to make people run from pillar to post. The hurdles related to smooth issuance of e-Khata should be cleared before the people hit streets in protest, warned Iyengar.

Activists Anand, Kadakola Jagadish, Doora Rajanna, S.N. Rajesh, Durga Prasad, Gururaj, Srikanth Kashyap and others were present.

Hunsur gold heist

After mastermind's arrest, remaining accused scatter

Police closing in; 5 Inspectors, 30 Cops from Mysuru stationed in Bihar: SP

Mysuru, Jan. 21 (RK,BLU& BCT)- With the arrest of two Darbhanga-based gang members, including the mastermind, in the sensational robbery of 8.32 kg of gold jewellery worth over Rs. 10 crore from Sky Gold and Diamond Store in Hunsur on Dec. 28, 2025, the remaining suspects in the dacoity case have split up to evade Police action.

Police have arrested Pankaj Kumar alias Sattuwa, who is the mastermind and Rishikesh Singh alias Patthal Singh from Bihar and brought them to Mysuru.

Police sources said, Pankaj Kumar has provided crucial information about his associates. Acting on these inputs, the Police have intensified operations, prompting the absconding accused to disperse and go into hiding at different locations, fearing that staying together could lead to their capture.

Despite this, Mysuru Police have gathered strong leads on the whereabouts of the remaining accused and officials said, it is only a matter of time before all of them are traced and arrested.

Mysuru Superintendent of Police Mallikarjun Baladandi confirmed that Rishikesh Singh and Pankaj Kumar were brought to Mysuru late last night and will be subjected to interrogation after obtaining Court permission.

Team camped in Bihar

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, Baladandi said, the accused were produced before a Court in Bhagalpur and handed over to Police custody.

The Court granted four days of custody and the Police will seek an extension. "We will produce them before the Mysuru Court today seeking a week's custody," the SP said.

"We will subject Pankaj Kumar and Rishikesh Singh to intensive interrogation. We expect to gather crucial information related to the dacoity. The inputs will be shared with our team stationed in Bihar, which will assist in tracing the remaining accused," Baladandi added.

So far, more than eight suspects involved in the heist remain at large.

A special team, comprising five Inspectors and over 30 Mysuru Police personnel has been deployed in Bihar to carry out an extensive search operation.

Baladandi said, the Mysuru Police are relentlessly pursuing the case with the cooperation of the Bihar Police and expressed confidence that the remaining accused will be arrested soon.

Citizens' Collective submits proposals for MCC Budget

Dr. Shushrutha Gowda, Chief Convenor of Greater Mysuru with Great Vision, along with members of Citizens' Forum, submitting a memorandum to MCC Commissioner Shaikh Tanveer Asif in city recently.

Mysuru, Jan. 21 (KS)- Citizens' Collective, a delegation of professionals, social activists and concerned citizens, under the banner of 'Greater Mysuru with Great Vision' submitted a memorandum to Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Commissioner Shaikh Tanveer Asif, urging the administration to include citizen-centric and future-ready proposals in the 2026-27 MCC Budget.

The delegation was led by Dr. Shushrutha Gowda, Chief Convenor of Greater Mysuru with Great Vision, along with members of the Citizens' Forum recently.

Key proposals in the memorandum include: Creation of a challenge fund for sustainable urban innovation; Dedicated budgetary allocation for the use of Artificial Intelligence in civic administration; Special fund for heritage conservation and protection; Launch of the 'Namma Mysuru' Cultural Festival and City Achievers' Awards; Implementation of a garbage-free and pollution-free Mysuru initiative; Introduction of "Our Ward - Our Park" community participation model; Technology-enabled road maintenance and monitoring system and Special allocation for footpath reconstruction and pedestrian safety.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Shushrutha Gowda stated that Mysuru must evolve into a model city that blends its royal heritage with innovation, transparency and citizen participation.

The delegation appreciated the Mysuru City Corporation for inviting public suggestions and called upon the authorities to treat the memorandum as a roadmap for long-term, people-first governance.

Swachh Survekshan 2025-26

MCC to conduct contests

Mysuru, Jan. 21 (MK&BS)- As part of Swachh Survekshan 2025-26, Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) is conducting Swachh Mysuru Quiz contest and Swachh Category Competitions, with the sole objective of promoting cleanliness, public health and effective waste management.

The quiz competition has been organised on Jan. 31 at 10.30 am at Kalamandira in city, in association with Department of School Education and Literacy, Department of Collegiate Education, University of Mysore and Excel Public School.

Two-student team from each of the schools and colleges can take part in the competition, being conducted in the categories of Class 7-9 and degree colleges. The top three winners will be distributed prizes. All the participants will be given Certificate of Appreciation.

Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Commissioner Shaikh Tanveer Asif (third from left) releasing the poster related to Swachh Survekshan 2025-26 at his office in city yesterday. Also seen are (from left) Prof. N.S. Rangaraju, Bhamy V. Shenoy, D. Srihari and others.

Those interested to take part in the competition may enrol their names by filling the following google form: ***https://forms.gle/z1LWwjJSnbxpcPCf7***

For details, contact Mob: 90367-16494 or 77609-54056 or 97415-93580.

Other competitions

That apart, several competitions have been organised under the following categories:

Swachh School, Swachh Market Association, Swachh Government Office, Swachh Hotel, Swachh Street Vendor Zone, Swachh Auto/ Taxi Stand, Swachh Hospital, Swachh RWA and Apartment Association and Swachh Transport Hub. The last date for registration is Jan. 27.

Environmental Engineers and Health Inspectors have been deputed for coordination and evaluation of the competitions.

Man sets fire to owner's house for asking rent

Mysuru, Jan. 21 (PM&KS)- A man has set fire to the house of a building owner after the latter asked him to pay the rent for the room in which his brother was staying.

The incident took place on Jan. 18 at about 10.30 pm at Janata Layout in Yaraganahalli and a case has been registered at Alanahalli Police Station.

While building owner is S. Kumar, the accused is Darshan, brother of Sumith, who had taken the room on rent.

In his complaint, Kumar has stated that he had given the room on the fourth floor for rent to one N. Sumith six months ago while his family stayed on the ground floor and houses on the three floors were given on lease. Sumith's brother Darshan used to come to the room now and then to meet his brother.

Kumar further stated in the complaint that though Sumith had vacated the room two months ago, he had kept a few things in the room. As he (Kumar) wanted to ask Sumith to vacate the room completely, pay rent for two months and get the room painted, he (Sumith) was not coming in contact.

On Jan. 18 at about 9 pm, Kumar saw Sumith's brother Darshan near R. Mahadevappa Circle (Yaraganahalli Circle) and spoke to him about the rent. Irked over Kumar asking for rent, Darshan fought with Kumar and went away.

At about 10.30 pm, Darshan, who came to the house of Kumar on the ground floor, poured petrol to the door, set it on fire and fled from the spot.

Neighbours, who saw the door on fire, managed to douse it and rescued those inside the house. The door was completely charred resulting in a loss of Rs. 80,000, Kumar has stated in the complaint.

Based on the complaint, Alanahalli Police registered a case and are investigating.

Obituary

Machhanda Saroja

Mysuru, Jan. 21- Machhanda Saroja (Ittira), wife of late Nanjappa and a resident of Jayalakshmipuram, passed away yesterday in city. She was 91.

A native of Belloor, Hudikeri village in Ponnampet taluk of Kodagu district, she leaves behind a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Chirashantidhama in Gokulam here this afternoon.

Rachanayaka

Nanjangud: Rachanayaka (80), a Congress leader, Member of Land Tribunal, Director of Karnataka Road Development Corporation Limited and a resident of Kalale village in the taluk, passed away this morning at the village.

He leaves behind his wife, one son, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Kalale village this afternoon.

THE LIGHTER SIDE

By Dr. R. Balasubramaniam

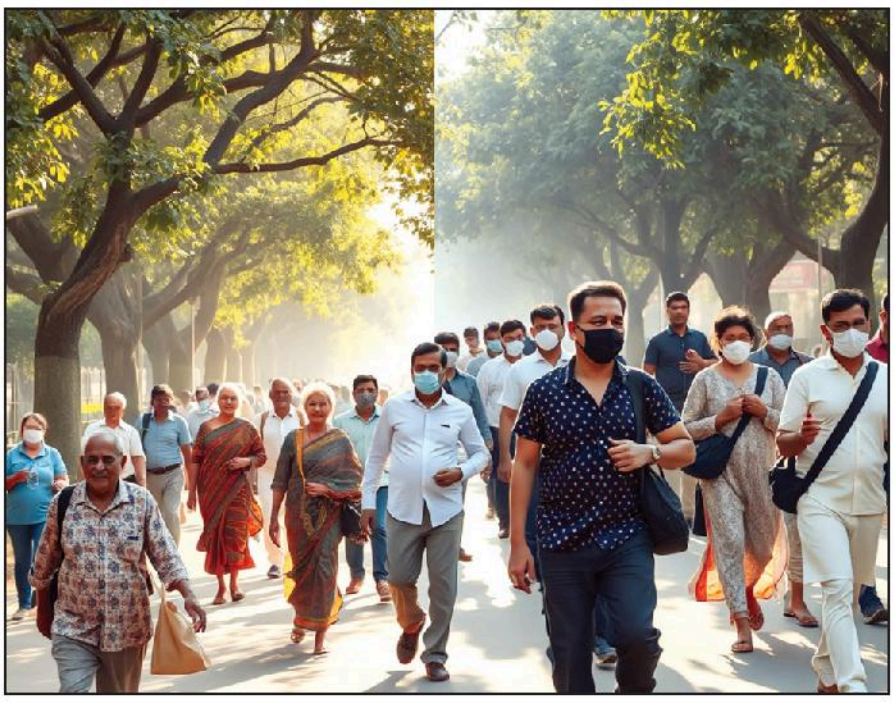
Two cities & one daily walk

A morning walk begins as a routine. You put on your shoes, step out and hope the world is still quiet. Yet the same walk shifts its tone when you move between Mysuru and Delhi. The body may do the same thing, but the surroundings insist on their own script.

In Mysuru the walk moves at a pace set by a city that prefers to take its time. People drift into the morning as if the day has agreed not to hurry. Walkers greet one another without any rush. A few pause to look at the trees as if they have all morning to continue. The city keeps you in a rhythm that is neither fast nor slow. It simply is.

Delhi in the morning demands more preparation. You take a breath and feel the weight of the air. You check the sky and hope the AQI numbers on the phone will not deter you. Walkers move with a sense of purpose. Masks stay on. Steps stay firm. You can sense the push between wanting exercise and wanting to finish before the air gets heavier. Yet the parks are full. People walk anyway.

Across both cities you meet the familiar cast. The young walkers move as if their day has already begun. They keep to their lanes and rarely look left or right. The elderly keep a steady rhythm refined through long practice. They have claimed their path and you simply follow the gaps they leave behind. The lone



marathoner appears and disappears at intervals. You see them pass you once, twice and sometimes again. Their stride remains steady. Yours does not.

Then there is the laughter group. A circle of older walkers stands together and bursts into sound. There is no visible cause. They laugh again. You watch them and wait for an explanation that never arrives. You move on still hearing the echo behind you and still unsure if laughter at this hour is a warm-up or a ritual.

Some mornings you come across a set of elders trying out yoga. They start with the simple postures. Then a few try something a little more ambitious. Soon someone twists beyond what the rest of the body seems to approve. A helper steps in and gently untangles a limb that has taken an unplanned direction. The group continues without comment. You look away because you are unsure whether to be impressed or concerned. They carry on as if this is routine. They may be right.

The walk feels different in each city. In both places, the walks register the same data on my watch. Steps. Distance. Heart rate. The device notes only the measurable. It misses the rest. It misses the slow drift of Mysuru. It misses the determined stride of Delhi. It misses the laughter group that refuses to explain itself. It misses the yoga elders who need occasional assistance to return to a normal angle.

Every city leaves a mark on its morning walkers. Each brings its own order and its own chaos. The walkers adapt and carry on. Yet I still hope for two simple changes. One day I want a dog and monkey free walk in Delhi. A walk where you look ahead without scanning for movement near your feet or above your head. And one day I hope Mysuru will give us a smooth and clear walking track. A path that lets you walk without watching for uneven patches or unexpected dips.

Till then the morning walk remains a study in contrast. Different cities. Different rhythms. Different companions on the path. The body does the walking. The city sets the tone. And the watch records only the part that can be counted. The rest stays with you.

[Dr. R. Balasubramaniam is the Founder of Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement (SVYM). 'The Lighter Side' is a series of satirical articles meant to bring a smile by highlighting the funny side of everyday life.]

QR code technology for medicine packets

State Government will submit proposal to Centre: Health Minister

Mysuru, Jan. 21 (MTY& BCT)- Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao has announced that the State Government will submit a proposal to the Centre to make QR codes mandatory on medicine packets, enabling visually impaired persons and others to access essential drug information independently.

Speaking at a roundtable organised at JSS Pharmacy College's Sri Rajendra Hall in collaboration with JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research (JSS AHER) and Export Japan, the Minister said, printing QR codes containing drug details on medicine packs would be a major step towards inclusive healthcare.

The Minister noted that Japan has implemented QR code technology on medicine packs, allowing patients to scan and obtain details such as usage instructions, price and expiry date.

No additional costs

He clarified that the initiative would not impose additional costs on pharmaceutical companies and assured that the Government would support firms that adopt the technology.

Emphasising the need for regulation, the Minister said the Health Department and Drug Control authorities would oversee implementation and hold discussions with pharmaceutical companies in the near future.

"There is a need to make the use of QR codes mandatory. This must be taken seriously by the Health Department and Drug Control authorities," he said.

The meeting was attended by JSS AHER Vice-Chancellor Dr. H. Basavanagowdappa, Dr. B. Manjunath, JSS Pharmacy College Principal Dr. T.M. Pramod Kumar, Japanese experts Tokuhiro Arakawa and Bitany Partin, Deloitte Tohmatsu representatives Japataro Sunahara and Kenta Miyamoto and District Health Officer Dr. P.C. Kumaraswamy, among others.

More than 500 visually impaired participants from Karnataka, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana took part in the event and shared their views, highlighting the importance of accessible healthcare innovations.

JCAC to host 'Uttarayana'

Art & Culture Festival from Jan. 23

Uttarayana Festival Chief Curator Vid. Sai Shiv (centre) addressing the media persons at Jagannatha Centre for Art and Culture (JCAC) yesterday as (from left) Curators S. Ramnath, Vid. Manasa Nayana, Dr. Rama V. Bennur and Vidu. Dr. Kripa Phadke look on. Pic. left: JCAC premises located at Vijayanagar 1st Stage in city.

Mysuru, Jan. 21 (VNS)- Jagannatha Centre for Art and Culture (JCAC) will be conducting its first edition of 'Uttarayana' Art and Culture Festival at its premises in Vijayanagar 1st Stage here from Jan. 23 to 27.

Addressing the media persons at JCAC premises here yesterday, Festival Curator and former Rangayana Senior Artiste S. Ramnath said that the Festival would be inaugurated by renowned Theatre Director and Indian Institute of Educational Theatre Founder Prasanna on Jan. 23 at 4 pm with a representative from Mysore Royal Family present as the honorary guest.

Kannada Development Authority Chairman Dr. Purushotham Bilimale will deliver a keynote address on '*Namma Nudi, Namma Samskruti* (Our Language, Our Culture)' on the occasion. Former Joint Secretary of Cabinet Secretariat Ravi Joshi and Eminent percussionist Vid. Anoor R. Ananthakrishna Sharma will be the chief guests, he added.

The Festival includes Karnatak and Hindustani musical concerts by renowned musicians, film festival, theatre show, dance, quizzes, short film festival, panel discussions related to literature, arts and music and workshops titled 'Little Leaders', 'Her Voice Her Stage', 'Film Making', 'The Red Carpet Vibe' and 'Nruthya Rasagrahana.'

Also, Visual Art Exhibition titled 'Paytay Beedhi' and Architecture Exhibition of Girish Doshi's works titled 'A life in architecture' have been organised. Both the exhibitions will be open from 10 am to 7 pm on all five days.

Renowned artistes and eminent personalities like Mysore M. Manjunath, Vyjayanthi Kashi, B. Suresh, Ravi Joshi, Lakshmisha Tholpady, Nirupama Rajendra, Dundiraj, B.R. Lakshman Rao and many others will participate in various programmes.

As part of the lecture series, Film Critic N. Manu Chakravarthy will deliver a talk on 'Changing perspective on Indian cinema' on Jan. 24. Former Joint Secretary of Cabinet Secretariat Ravi Joshi will deliver a lecture on 'The making of the Preamble' and School of Liberal Arts, Vidayshilp University, Bengaluru, Professor and Dean Chandan Gowda will speak on 'Humanisms outside the Constitution' on Jan. 26.

The sole objective of Uttarayana is to enhance the art and culture in Mysuru, to provide a good platform for artists, to create an opportunity for people with similar interests to meet each other and to make Mysuru, which has made a special name in the field of art, culture, literature and cinema, a household name and a city that nurtures art.

Senior Theatre Director T.S. Nagabharana and noted Humourist Prof. M. Krishnegowda will take part in the valedictory on Jan. 27, he added. For details interested may contact Mob: 78990-33303 or visit ***www.jcac-mysuru.com/uttarayana-2026***

JCAC Manager Ravikumar, Vid. Manasa Nayana, Vid. Sai Shiv, Dr. Rama V. Bennur and Vidu. Dr. Kripa Phadke were present.

Students visit Tribal Museum

Mysuru, Jan. 21 (DM)- About 255 students of the city's Podar International Public School visited the Karnataka State Tribal Research Institute (KSTRI) at Kergalli here recently.

Speaking on the occasion, KSTRI Deputy Director H.S. Girijamba said that the Museum Curator Dr. D.C. Ramakrishnaiah explained the visiting students about the importance of every article in the Tribal Museum, which is the first-of-its-kind in Karnataka.

Pointing out that the Museum displays the heritage, artefacts, tools, crafts, traditional attire, musical instruments used by various tribal communities in the State, she said that the articles are related to culture, language, practices, traditions, traditional methods of healing (Nati Medicine), justice, food habits etc.

The Museum helps a lot in understanding tribal life and practices, besides creating awareness about tribal cultures, she added.

A documentary on tribals and their culture was also screened during the students' visit.

Accounts Officer Bhavya, Office Superintendent Nagarathna, Librarian Mamatha, Field Researcher Dr. K.D. Dinesh, faculty members Bharath Kumar, Manoj Kumar and others were present.

Medal winners in AITWPF 13th National Championship

Team Genesis, Mysuru, excelled in the 13th AITWPF National Amateur MMA & Pankration Championship 2025-26, organised under the aegis of United World Wrestling (UWW), at Peddem in Mapusa, Goa, on Jan. 8 and 9. Seen in the picture are *(standing from left)* ***R. Rohan (Gold; -75kg; Under-17); S. Pooja (Silver; -55kg; Senior); Coach Anjali Gupta; Yash Raj (Gold; -70kg; Senior); Samarth Suresh (Bronze; -55kg; Senior);*** *(kneeling)* ***P.S. Vihaan Gowda (Bronze; -25kg; U-10); Ananya Reddy (Gold; -25kg; U-10). Karnataka team, with 20 athletes from Mysuru, Kodagu and Bengaluru, is placed second in overall medals tally.***

WORD OF THE DAY

Eminently

Pronunciation: EM-uh-nunt-lee (adverb).
Meaning: Eminently is used as a synonym of very and means "to a high degree."
Origin: When British physician Tobias Venner wrote in 1620 of houses "somewhat eminently situated," he meant that the houses were located at an elevated site — they were literally in a high place. That use has since slipped into obsolescence, as has the word's use to mean "conspicuously" — a sense that reflects its Latin root, ēminēre, which means "to stick out" or "protrude." All three meanings date to the 17th century, but today's figurative sense of "notably" or "very" is only one now regularly encountered.
Example: "This was jazz of the highest order—challenging, yet accessible, eminently entertaining and arrestingly beautiful. Goosebumps were felt." — T'Cha Dunlevy, The Gazette (Montreal, Canada), 8 July 2025.

THE ODD WORD

Eftsoons
Soon after.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

For the fun of it

Meaning: The phrase 'For the fun of it' means just for the entertainment value of doing it.
Origin: The phrase 'For the fun of it' has its origin in the Old English words 'fonne' and 'fonnen', which preceded 17th century English word 'fon'. The way in which the phrase is used demonstrates the elusive nature of fun itself — something experiential, inherently pleasant and typically far from routine.
Example: "We went on a picnic just for the fun of it."

QUOTE BOX

Tears are words the heart can't express. **— Gerard Way**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: Abandon ship.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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6	1	5	3	7	2	4	8	9
3	7	8	9	4	6	5	1	2

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

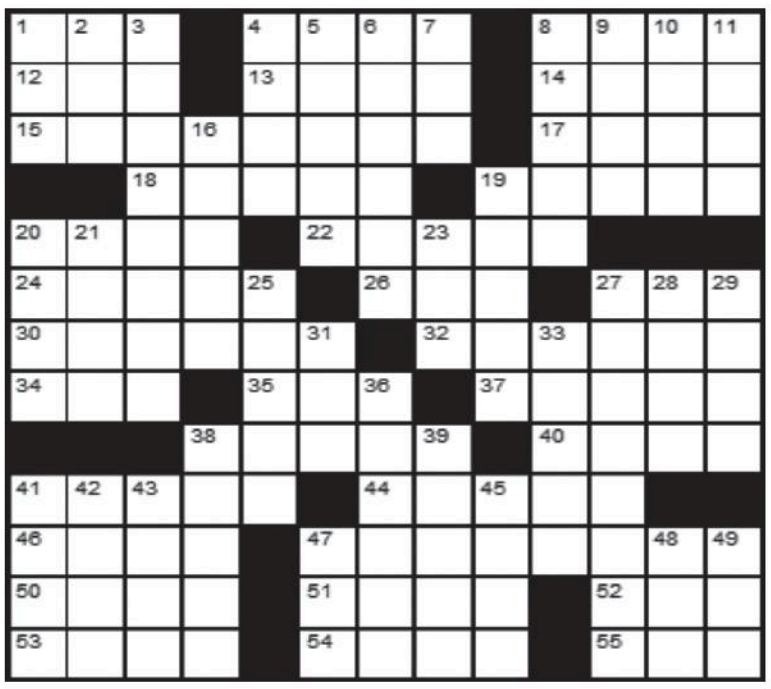
CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Native or inhabitant as a suffix
4 Words from a confident person (1,3)
8 Hang limply
12 Mend
13 Approximately (2,2)
14 Prefix meaning `to do with aircraft'
15 Musical performances
17 Russian ruler
18 _ __, I saw, I conquered (1,4)
19 Feline
20 Italian wine city
22 Flower part
24 ___ down to : amounts to essentially?
26 Luau dish
27 Distance Measuring Equip.
30 Legendary swamp monster
32 Earnest request
34 Joule fraction
35 Darjeeling produce?
37 Proprietor
38 Myanmar formerly
40 Oils, ___ and Waxes : organic chemistry chapter?
41 Honour a debt ? (3,2)
44 Offensiveness
46 Gelatos
47 Aggressive interrogation
50 Persian monarch
51 Cambodian monetary unit
52 Number to tango
53 Eagle's nest
54 Australian birds
55 Superlative suffix

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

S	T	E	T	■	O	E	D	■	M	A	N	U
O	R	S	O	■	P	L	A	C	A	T	E	S
D	I	S	P	A	S	S	I	O	N	A	T	E
S	P	O	O	F	■	■	S	N	I	P	■	■
■	■	■	S	T	P	■	■	C	L	A	R	E
R	I	B	■	E	N	T	R	E	A	T	E	D
A	D	A	■	R	I	S	E	R	■	T	A	E
P	E	R	M	A	N	E	N	T	■	U	R	N
T	E	N	E	T	■	■	D	I	M	■	■	■
■	■	A	L	I	A	■	■	N	O	D	E	S
A	C	C	O	M	M	O	D	A	T	I	N	G
C	U	L	D	E	S	A	C	■	O	M	I	T
T	R	E	Y	■	S	R	I	■	R	E	D	S

DOWN
1 Instrument Flight Rules, acronym
2 Fasten with a rope or a nail
3 Stimulating
4 Smallest possible amount?
5 Muscle spasm
6 In the land of Nod
7 Rejections
8 Disastrous
9 For the fear that
10 I smell __ __ : there's something fishy here? (1,3)
11 Covered in or full of blood
16 In a frigid manner
19 Egyptian capital
20 French cleric
21 Opposite of sweet
23 ___-notch : first rate, colloquially speaking?
25 Exercise move (3,2)
27 Explosive
28 Get together
29 Goes off the straight and narrow path?
31 Through, by means of
33 Horrible or dreadful
36 Ten Hag's successor at Manchester United
38 Shaggy
39 Farewell
41 Italian city famous for its leaning tower
42 Lasting pain
43 Twelve months
45 Complaints, problems or maladies?
47 Grad. Rec. Exam.
48 National Weather Serv.
49 Obtained or procured



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

T FRUFRHATE NFHMJMVH MV T FRUVNI XQN

QTV INHQMIY HN XNUUZ TWNAH WRGTAVR

QR QTV INHQMIY HN XNUUZ XMHQ.

TODAY'S CLUE: Y EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I pretend to work. They pretend to pay me.

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  Vaa Vaathiyaar (Ta) - 4 Shows
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  Surya (K) - 3 Shows

MOVIES AT DRC CINEMAS Ph: 4240422 4241800

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	(S-4)	3.45 pm, 7 pm, 10.15 pm
Avatar Fire & Ash (E-3D)	(S-1)	2.10 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	(S-1)	6.05 pm, 10.10 pm
	(S-4)	11.45 am
Thalaivar Thambi Thalaimaiyil (Ta)	(S-2)	11 am
Vaa Vaathiyaar (Ta)	(S-2)	1.30 pm
Theertharoopa Tandeyavarige (K)	(S-2)	4.15 pm
Happy Patel: Khatarnak Jasoos (H)	(S-2)	7.20 pm, 9.55 pm
Sarvam Maya (Ma)	(S-3)	10 am
Mark (K)	(S-3)	1 pm
Anaganaga Oka Raju (Te)	(S-3)	4 pm, 7.10 pm
28 Years Later The Bone Temple (E)	(S-3)	10.15 pm

MOVIES AT MYSURU VISION CINEMAS Ph: 2973519

The Raja Saab (K)	:	1.15 pm, 7.45 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	1.30 pm, 7.30 pm
Mark (K)	:	1.30 pm, 7.15 pm
Surya: Power of Love (K)	:	1.30 pm
Avatar: Fire and Ash (K)	:	4 pm, 7.45 pm
Maazar (K)	:	4.30 pm
Vaa Vaathiyaar (Ta)	:	4.45 pm

MOVIES AT NEXUS MALL

Nari Nari Naduma Murari (Te)	:	8.50 am, 7.25 pm
Anaganaga Oka Raju (Te)	:	9.15 am, 4 pm
Mana Shankara Vara Prasad Garu (Te)	:	9.55 am, 1.05 pm, 3.10 pm 6.40 pm, 10.30 pm
Vaa Vaathiyaar (Ta)	:	10.20 am, 7.05 pm
Happy Patel: Khatarnak Jasoos (H)	:	11 am, 1.15 pm 4.05 pm, 7.55 pm
Bhartha Mahasayulaku Wignyapthi (Te)	:	11.45 am, 4.25 pm, 10.20 pm
Parasakthi (Ta)	:	11.50 am
The Raja Saab (Te)	:	12.20 pm
The Raja Saab (K)	:	6.30 pm
Thalaivar Thambi Thalaimaiyil (Ta)	:	1.35 pm
Greenland 2: Migration (E)	:	2.45 pm, 8.05 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	3.50 pm, 10 pm
Mark (K)	:	5 pm
Band Baaja Baaraat (H)	:	9.50 pm
28 Years Later: The Bone Temple (E)	:	10.10 pm
Avatar: Fire and Ash (E-3D)	:	10.25 pm

MOVIES AT GARUDA MALL

Mana Shankara Vara Prasad Garu (Te)	:	9.25 am, 1 pm, 3.50, 10.30 pm
Vaa Vaathiyaar (Ta)	:	10.15 am, 4.20 pm
Happy Patel: Khatarnak Jasoos (H)	:	11.05 am, 4.40 pm, 10.10 pm
The Raja Saab (Te)	:	11.15 am
Anaganaga Oka Raju (Te)	:	12.45 pm, 7.05 pm
Nari Nari Naduma Murari (Te)	:	1.40 pm, 10.20 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	2.55 pm, 10 pm
Bhartha Mahasayulaku Wignyapthi (Te)	:	7 pm
Parasakthi (Ta)	:	7.10 pm
Mark (K)	:	7.15 pm

ITPI National Best Thesis Award-2025 for UG and PG Planning students

Awards presentation at Planners Conference in Ahmedabad on Feb. 7

Mysuru, Jan. 21- The National Best Thesis Award-2025 for Undergraduate (UG) Planning students has been awarded to **P.A. Charan**, B.Tech in Planning, Department of Planning, School of Planning and Architecture, University of Mysore (UoM), Mysuru, for securing 1st place.

Charan

Agni

Charan has completed a Planning Thesis titled 'Mitigating Urban Floods: A Planning Study on 'Connecting Blue-Green Network in Koramangala-Challaghatta Valley in Bengaluru City' under the guidance of Prof. H.S. Kumara, Professor, Urban and Regional Planning School of Planning and Architecture, UoM and Co-guide N. Madhusudan, Faculty, School of Planning and Architecture, UoM.

The National Best Thesis Award-2025 for Postgraduate (PG) Planning students has been awarded to **Agni S. Gangadkar,** M.Tech in Urban and Regional Planning, Department of Planning, School of Planning and Architecture, UoM, for securing 3rd place.

Agni has completed a Planning Thesis titled 'Planning for Spatial Integration of Transport System for Future Growth, Mysuru city' under the guidance of Prof. H.N. Nagendra, Senior Professor, Urban and Regional Planning School of Planning and Architecture, UoM and Co-guide R. Rohit Singh, Faculty, School of Planning and Architecture, UoM.

The National Best Thesis Award-2025 competition was organised by the **Institute of Town Planners, India (ITPI),** National Accreditation Body of Planning Programmes, New Delhi, inviting students who secured the highest marks/ grade in the Planning Thesis at the respective Planning Schools recognised by ITPI, New Delhi.

In this competition, students from IITs, CEPT, SPAS, NITS, MANIT, VNIT and other Planning Schools run by State Universities, as well as other Deemed and Private Universities participated.

The National Best Thesis Award-2025 will be presented at the valedictory function of the National Town and Country Planners Conference, scheduled to be held on Feb. 7, in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.

EVENTS TODAY (JAN. 21)

- **Jagannatha Centre For Art And Culture (JCAC), Mysuru:** Uttarayana - A celebration of art and culture, 'Girish Doshi - A life in architecture' — Exhibition of Girish Doshi's works, Jagannatha Centre for Art and Culture (JCAC), Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **up to 7 pm.** [Mob: 78990-33303]
- **Mysore Lions School, Bannimantap:** 44th School Day celebrations, Chamaraja MLA K. Harishgowda chief guest, DDPI D. Uday Kumar guest of honour, Mysore Lions School Chairman Lion Shivakumar presides, Jaganmohan Palace, **5 pm.**
- **Sadhana Mandira:** Special training sessions to perform simple and diligent Saraswati Puja by Swami Hamsananda, Sri Prasanna Mahaganapati Temple, Ganapati Temple Road, N.R. Mohalla, **6.30 pm to 7.15 pm.**
- **Rotary Mysore Midtown:** Conferring of Rotary Mysore Midtown Zeus CSR Award-2026 on Kaynes Foundation, PDG Rtn. R. Guru chief guest, Hotel Southern Star, **6.30 pm.**
- **Prajapita Brahma Kumari Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya, Mysuru:** World Peace Day as part of Vidyalaya Founder Adi Deva Prajapita Brahma's 57th Avyakta Punya Smriti, Brahma Kumaris Mysuru Sub-Zone Chief Convenor BK Lakshmiji graces the occasion, retd. AYUSH Department Director Gajanana Hegde and Innotech Integration Services Pvt. Ltd. CEO & MD N.S. Ravishankar chief guests, Gyan Prakash Bhavan, 2nd Main Road, Yadavagiri, **6.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (JAN. 22)

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Dhurandhar (H)	:	9.45 pm

MOVIES AT CENTRO MALL

Nari Nari Naduma Murari (Te)	:	9.50 am, 7.20 pm
Mana Shankara Vara Prasad Garu (Te)	:	10.05 am, 12.50 pm, 4 pm 7.10 pm, 10.30 pm
Vaa Vaathiyaar (Ta)	:	10.10 am, 4.45 pm
Maazar (K)	:	10.55 am
Teertharoopa Tandeyavarige (K)	:	12.55 pm
Surya: Power of Love (K)	:	1.15 pm
Parasakthi (Ta)	:	1.25 pm, 10.20 pm
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Thalaivar Thambi Thalaimaiyil (Ta)	:	7.30 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	10 pm
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Sd/- ANJUM IFTEKAR

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Shivanna.K**, residing at # 3, 6th Cross, N.R. Mohalla, Mysore-7 do hereby state on oath that I have changed my name from **K.Shivan to Shivanna.K** on my own free will vide affidavit sworn in before Notary Nagendra, Mysore dated 13.01.2026.

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